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Applicants: Biftu, et al.

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For: BETA-AMINO HETEROCYCLIC
DIPEPTIDYL PEPTIDASE INHIBITORS
FOR THE TREATMENT OR PREVENTION
OF DIABETES

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111 By Deux-Pont Date 3-14-2006

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated March 3, 2006, for which a response is due by June 3, 2006, please amend this application as follows and consider the accompanying remarks which are deemed to place it in condition for allowance.

Please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected on page 2 of this response. **Remarks** begin on page 18 of this response.